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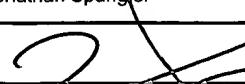
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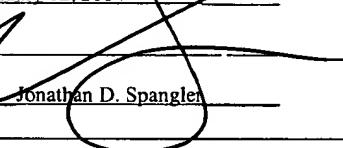
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, having a three month shortened period for response which expired on October 11, 2003, please amend the application as follows: